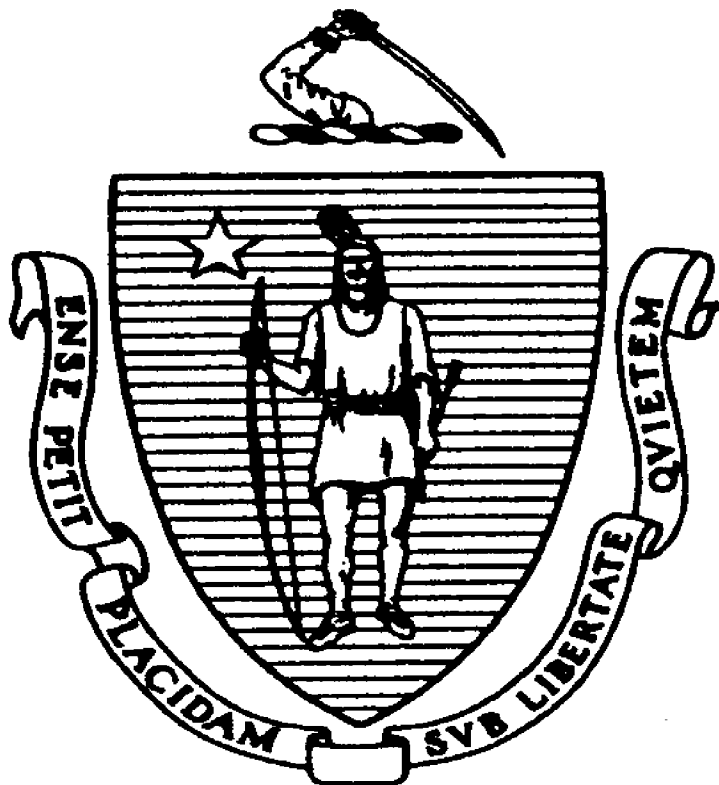


# New Court Commitments to Massachusetts County Correctional Facilities During 2003

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## **Executive Summary**

The total number of offenders sentenced to Massachusetts county facilities (houses of correction) during the 2003 calendar year was 16,194. The breakdown by gender was 15,285 males (94% of total population) and 909 females (6% of total population). The largest racial/ethnic group represented was Caucasian (56%), followed by Hispanic (19%) and African American (22%). The average age of inmates with new court commitments during 2003 was 32 years for males and 33 years for females, ranging from 16 to 74 years of age. The average sentence length was six months. The average self-reported educational level was 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The majority (56%) reported the marital status as single.

## **Highlights**

- In 2003, there were 16,194 commitments to County facilities. This represents a decrease of less than 1% from the 16,291 commitments in 2002.
- Despite the yearly decrease in new court commitments, the female new court commitments in County facilities, has increased by 7%. There has been a 2% increase in female new court commitments over the ten-year period 1994 to 2003.
- Since 1999, there has been a fluctuation in the number of inmates committed 65 years or older\* that has not corresponded to the overall annual commitment rates. From 1999 to 2000 the number increased by 62%. Whereas from 2000 to 2001 the number decreased by 29%. From 2001 to 2002, the number increased by 27%. From 2002 to 2003 the number decreased by 13%.
- Similarly, there was an 8% increase from 2002 to 2003 among inmates in the 40-64 year range.
- Twenty-three percent of county commitments were committed for offenses against the person, 22% for property offenses, 19% for drug offenses, 13% for 'other' offenses, 12% for motor vehicle offenses, 9% for operating under the influence of alcohol (OUI) and 2% for sex offenses.
- Though sex offenders have comprised 2% of the commitment population from 1999 to 2003, the number increased 17% from 2002 to 2003. While the overall commitment population decreased 1%.
- The most common offenses for which offenders were committed were assault/assault and battery (14%), motor vehicle violations (11%), and OUI (9%).
- Three percent of offenders were issued fines. There was an increase of 7% in fines issued in 2003, compared to the previous year (2002). Over the past five years the number of fines has increased by 3%.
- The majority (65%) of commitments had a sentence length of 6 months or less. With another 21% having sentences 7 to 12 months. The vast majority (86%) had sentences of one year or less.

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\* Total numbers for this age group was relatively small, potentially contributing to statistical fluctuations.

## **Introduction**

This report provides a statistical description of offenders committed to Massachusetts county facilities (houses of correction) during 2003. Offenders are described in terms of commitment institution, month of commitment, committing court, offense, sentence length, sentence type (weekend and jail sentences), gender, age, race, marital status, education, place of birth, and residence. Trends in court commitments to the county correctional system over the past decade are also presented.

All new court commitments and those individuals who began serving a new sentence during the year are included in this report. If an individual was committed more than once during 2003, each court commitment for that individual is counted separately. Information for offenders committed to the Massachusetts Department of Correction (state facilities) is not included in this report. Females serving a county sentence, but sentenced to a state facility are not included in this report.

The statistical tables were derived from information submitted by each county facility to the Research and Planning Division of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC). A glossary of terms is provided in the back of this report to reference definitions of some terms used.

Due to computer conversions, the commitment records for Suffolk County were limited for the period January through April 2000. In an effort to maintain data constancy, the Suffolk County commitments from May to December 2000 were pro rated to the entire 12-month calendar year. In addition to total number of commitments, the characteristics of the committed inmates were also pro rated for the same period.

There are fourteen counties in Massachusetts. All counties, except for Nantucket County, have at least one county correctional facility administered by the county Sheriff. These facilities usually contain a jail for pre-trial detainees, and a house of correction for sentenced inmates. Suffolk County has a separate facility for its jail (Nashua Street) and its house of correction (South Bay). Middlesex County has two facilities, a combined jail and house of correction in Billerica and a jail in Cambridge.

Four counties have specialized facilities for sentenced offenders: Essex County has the Correctional Alternative Center (CAC) in Lawrence; Hampden County has the Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (WMCAC) facility in Springfield; Bristol County has the David R. Nelson Correctional Addiction Center (DRNCAC) in New Bedford; and Norfolk County has the Braintree Alternative Center (BAC) in Braintree. Individuals are not committed directly to these four facilities, but can be transferred to them from a house of correction or state correctional facility.

This report has been organized into three sections. The first section describes the demographic characteristics of 2003 new court commitments. The second section depicts information about criminal offenses for the inmate population. The third section addresses data regarding

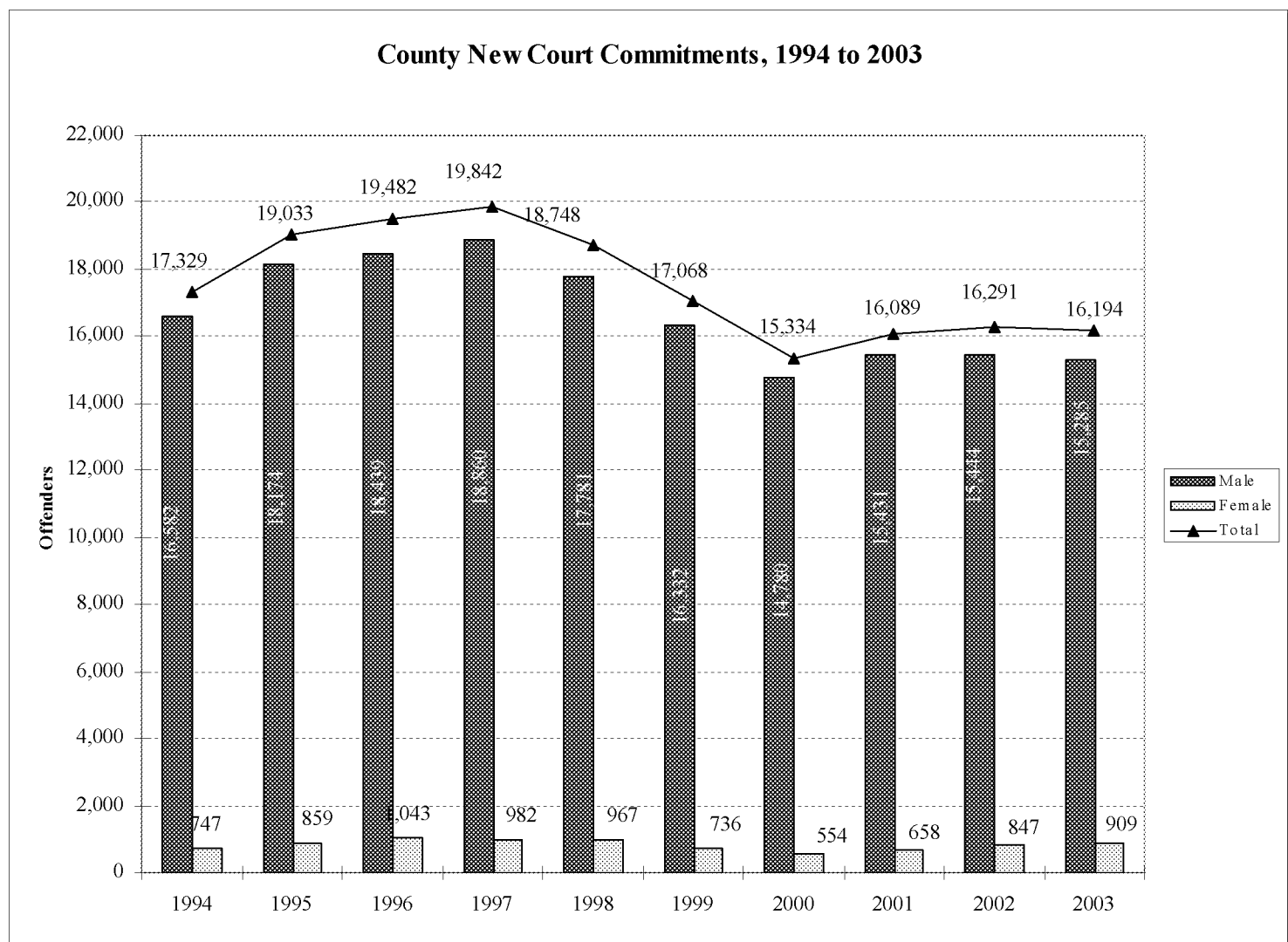
sentencing, such as court from which committed, type of sentence, and sentence length. Please note that due to rounding, percentages may not add to 100%.

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Demographic Characteristics of County  
Commitments in 2003

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Figure 1



**Table 1**
**New Commitments: By Gender 1999 to 2003**

	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		% Chng 02 vs 03
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Male	16,332	96	14,780	97	15,431	96	15,444	95	15,285	94	-1
Female	736	4	554	3	658	4	847	5	909	6	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,068</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,334</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,291</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-1</b>

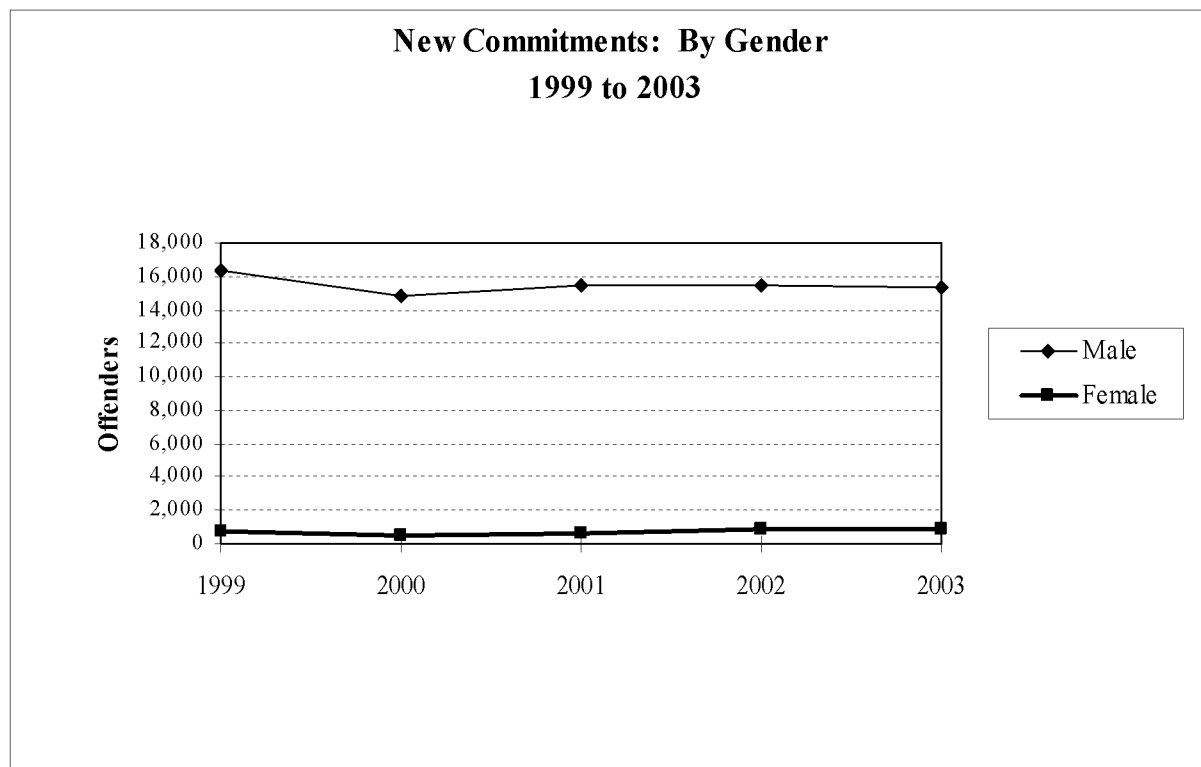
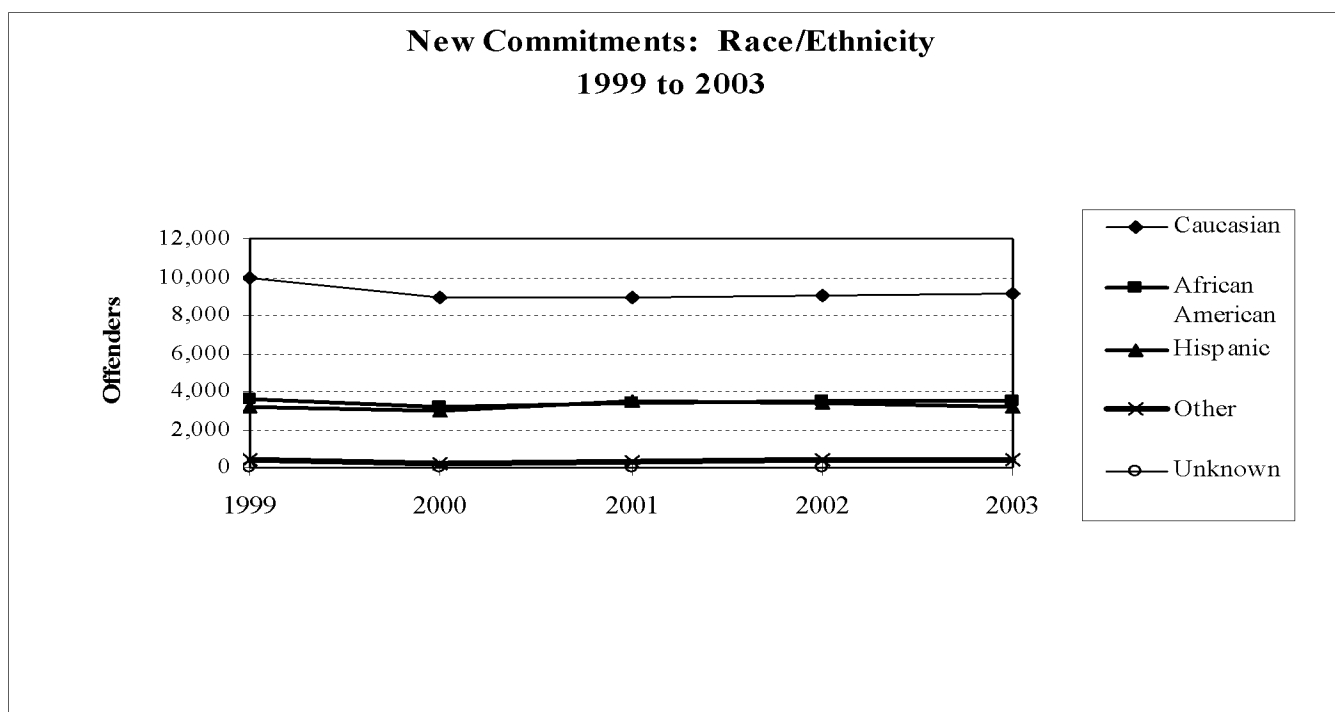
**Figure 2**


Table 2

## New Commitments: Race/Ethnicity: 1999 to 2003

	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		% Chng 02vs03
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Caucasian	9,921	58	8,972	59	8,875	55	9,015	55	9,104	56	1
African American	3,588	21	3,147	21	3,391	21	3,500	22	3,534	22	1
Hispanic	3,170	19	3,000	20	3,467	22	3,377	21	3,134	19	-7
Other	389	2	215	1	356	2	399	2	422	3	6
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,068</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,334</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,291</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-1</b>

Figure 3



**Table 3**

**New Commitments: Race/Ethnicity by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Caucasian	584	64%	8,520	56%	9,104	56%
African American	192	21%	3,342	22%	3,534	22%
Hispanic	108	12%	3,026	20%	3,134	19%
Native American	7	1%	32	0%	39	0%
Asian	3	0%	92	1%	95	1%
Other	15	2%	273	2%	288	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 4

## New Commitments: Age at Commitment: 1999 to 2003

	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		% Chng 02 vs 03
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
19 or Younger	1,540	9	1,182	8	1,342	8	1,342	8	1,264	8	-6
20 to 24	3,411	20	3,288	21	3,638	23	3,703	23	3,622	22	-2
25 to 29	2,907	17	2,425	16	2,453	15	2,495	15	2,603	16	4
30 to 39	5,814	34	5,126	33	5,133	32	5,071	32	4,732	29	-7
40 to 64	3,370	20	3,271	21	3,493	22	3,642	22	3,940	25	8
65 and Older	26	0	42	0	30	0	38	0	33	0	-13
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,068</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,334</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,291</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-1</b>

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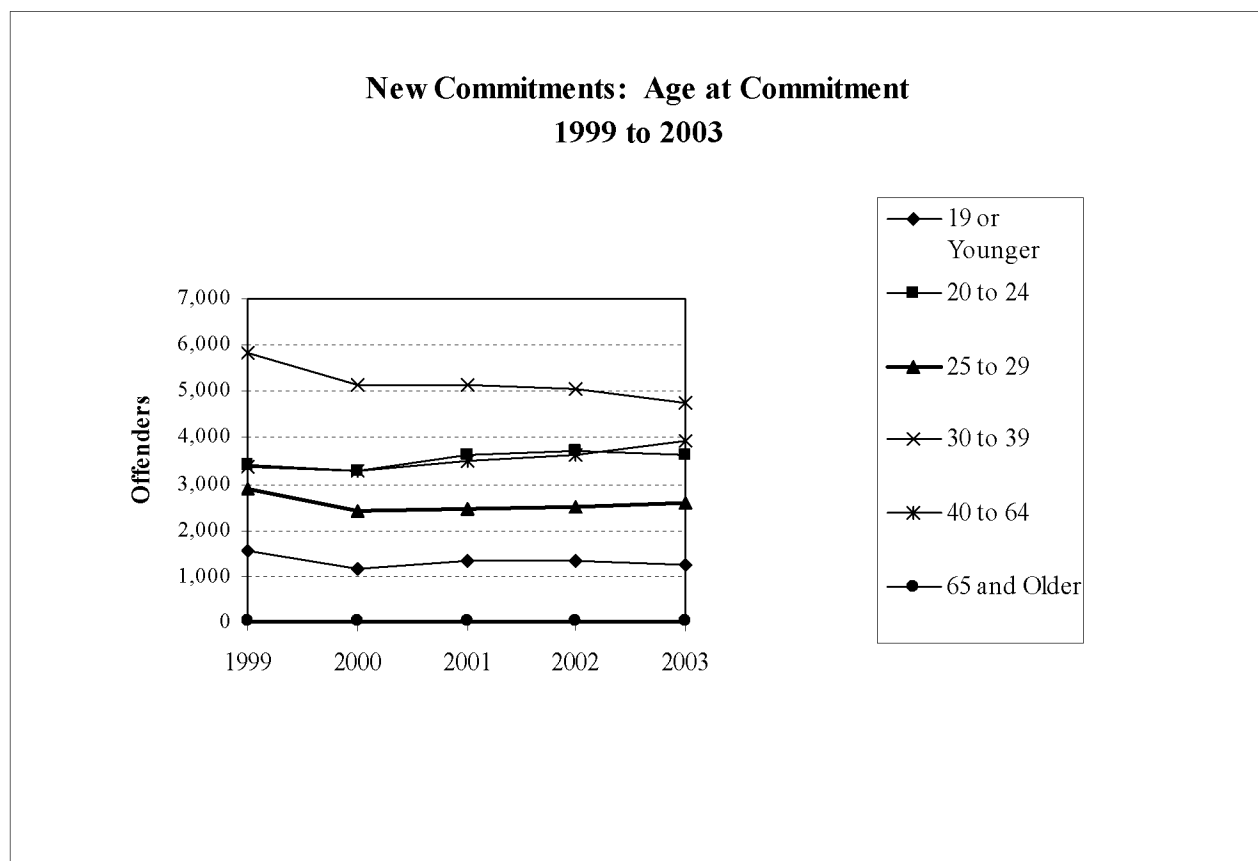


Table 5

### New Commitments: Age at Commitment by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
15 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 yrs	2	0	108	1	110	1
18 yrs	8	1	420	3	428	3
19 yrs	21	2	705	5	726	4
20 yrs	24	3	633	4	657	4
21 yrs	40	4	755	5	795	5
22 yrs	29	3	732	5	761	5
23 yrs	28	3	679	4	707	4
24 yrs	27	3	675	4	702	4
25-29 yrs	135	15	2,468	16	2,603	16
30-34 yrs	182	20	2,195	14	2,377	15
35-39 yrs	174	19	2,181	14	2,355	15
40-44 yrs	148	16	1,896	12	2,044	13
45-49 yrs	62	7	1,080	7	1,142	7
50-54 yrs	25	3	470	3	495	3
55-59 yrs	2	0	177	1	179	1
60-64 yrs	2	0	78	1	80	0
65-69 yrs	0	0	26	0	26	0
70 yrs or Older	0	0	7	0	7	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

#### Age at commitment:

The median age was 32 years (for both females and males)

The average age was 32 years for males

The average age was 33 years for females

#### Age at commitment - Ranges:

Females - 17 years to 64 years

Males - 17 years to 74 years

Table 6

## New Commitments: Last Grade Completed (Self Reported) by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
3rd or Less	2	0	52	0	54	0
4th	3	0	56	0	59	0
5th	3	0	42	0	45	0
6th	5	1	108	1	113	1
7th	16	2	176	1	192	1
8th	26	3	555	4	581	4
9th	73	8	1,270	8	1,343	8
10th	75	8	1,742	11	1,817	11
11th	96	11	2,279	15	2,375	15
High School Graduate	274	30	5,903	39	6,177	38
Some College	130	14	1,208	8	1,338	8
College Graduate	22	2	266	2	288	2
Graduate School	4	0	68	0	72	0
Unknown	180	20	1,560	10	1,740	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 7

## New Commitments: Citizenship Status (Self Reported) by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
US Citizen - Mass Born	643	70	10,132	66	10,775	66
US Citizen - Other State	192	21	2,677	17	2,869	18
US Citizen - US Territory	52	6	1,348	9	1,400	9
US Citizen - Foreign Born	15	2	744	5	759	5
Unknown	7	1	384	3	391	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 8****New Commitments: Marital Status (Self Reported) by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Married	87	10	1,333	9	1,420	9
Single	493	54	8,583	56	9,076	56
Divorced	61	7	1,045	7	1,106	7
Widowed	8	1	30	0	38	0
Common Law	0	0	5	0	5	0
Separated	34	4	306	2	340	2
Unknown	226	25	3,983	26	4,209	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 9****New Commitments: Prior Address: County of Residence (Self Reported) by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Barnstable	86	9	496	3	582	4
Berkshire	80	9	518	3	598	4
Bristol	159	17	1,431	9	1,590	10
Dukes	2	0	26	0	28	0
Essex	15	2	1,259	8	1,274	8
Franklin	29	3	207	1	236	1
Hampden	208	23	1,799	12	2,007	12
Hampshire	26	3	278	2	304	2
Middlesex	23	3	1,743	11	1,766	11
Nantucket	1	0	16	0	17	0
Norfolk	24	3	787	5	811	5
Plymouth	23	3	1,169	8	1,192	7
Suffolk	156	17	2,606	17	2,762	17
Worcester	28	3	2,329	15	2,357	15
MA-County Unknown	22	2	163	1	185	1
Out of State	21	2	411	3	432	3
Foreign Country	0	0	0	0	0	0
U S Territory	0	0	1	0	1	0
Unknown	6	1	46	0	52	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

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**Current Offense**

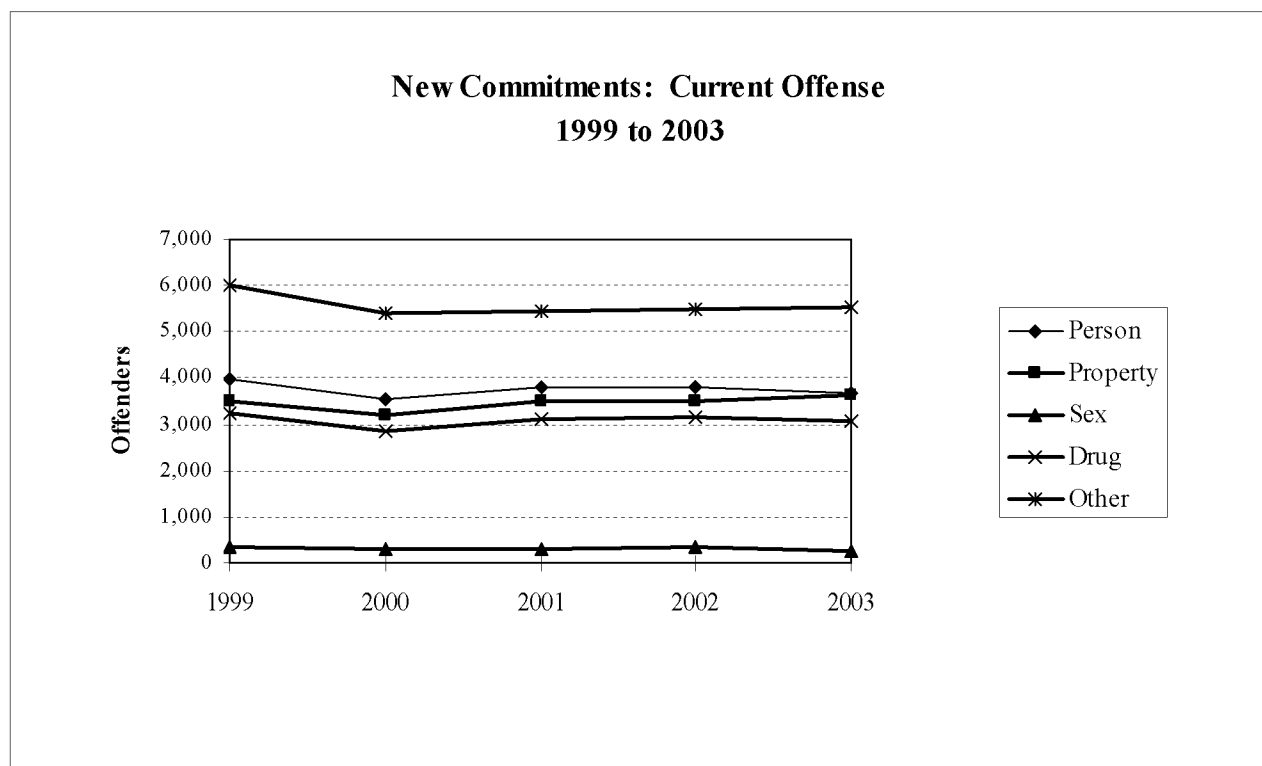
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Table 10

## New Commitments: Current Offense Categories 1999 to 2003

	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		% Chng 02 vs 03
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Person	3,989	23	3,560	23	3,789	24	3,785	23	3,670	23	-3
Property	3,508	21	3,204	21	3,486	22	3,519	22	3,617	22	3
Sex	356	2	310	2	284	2	336	2	279	2	-17
Drug	3,223	19	2,855	19	3,100	19	3,164	19	3,080	19	-3
Other	5,992	35	5,405	35	5,430	34	5,487	34	5,548	34	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,068</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,334</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>16,291</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-1</b>

Figure 5



**Table 11****New Commitments: Current Offense Categories by Gender**

	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
Person	162	18	3,508	23	3,670	23
Sex	1	0	278	2	279	2
Property	275	30	3,342	22	3,617	22
Drug	209	23	2,871	19	3,080	19
Other	262	29	5,286	35	5,548	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

**Table 12****New Commitments: Person Offenses by Gender**

	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
Not a Person Offense	747	82	11,778	77	12,525	77
Unarmed Assault	91	10	2,259	15	2,350	15
Armed Assault	64	7	1,095	7	1,159	7
Unarmed Robbery	1	0	25	0	26	0
Stalking	0	0	24	0	24	0
Vehicular Homicide	2	0	19	0	21	0
Conspiracy	0	0	17	0	17	0
Armed Robbery	2	0	14	0	16	0
Kidnapping	0	0	10	0	10	0
A&B on Elderly Person	1	0	8	0	9	0
A&B DW on Elderly Person	1	0	8	0	9	0
A&B on a Child	0	0	7	0	7	0
Civil Rights Violation	0	0	6	0	6	0
Assault With Intent to Murder	0	0	5	0	5	0
Home Invasion	0	0	3	0	3	0
Extortion	0	0	2	0	2	0
Accessory	0	0	2	0	2	0
Manslaughter	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mayhem	0	0	1	0	1	0
Putting a Person in Fear	0	0	1	0	1	0
Unarmed Robbery Victim over 65	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

**Person Offenses**

Crimes Against the Person (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 offenses).

**Table 13****New Commitments: Sex Offenses by Gender**

	<b>Female</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>(%)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(%)</b>
Not a Sex Offense	908	100	15,007	98	15,915	98
Assault W/Int to Rape	0	0	90	1	90	1
Assault W/Int to Rape, Child	0	0	76	0	76	0
Gross Sexual Misconduct	0	0	45	0	45	0
Rape of Child	0	0	36	0	36	0
Rape	0	0	11	0	11	0
Sex Offense Involving a Minor	1	0	8	0	9	0
Sex Offender Registry Violation	0	0	8	0	8	0
Unnatural Act	0	0	4	0	4	0
Indecent Aslt. Mentally Handicapped	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

**Sex Offenses**

Sex Offenses Against the Person. Consist of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 (crimes against the person) and Chapter 272 offenses (crimes against chastity, morality, decency and good order).

**Table 14****New Commitments: Property Offenses by Gender**

	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
Not a Property Offense	634	70	11,944	78	12,578	78
Larceny	124	14	868	6	992	6
Burglary	32	4	917	6	949	6
Possession of Stolen Goods	15	2	417	3	432	3
Stealing	41	5	284	2	325	2
Destruction of Property	13	1	293	2	306	2
Vehicular Theft	4	0	157	1	161	1
Forgery & Uttering	21	2	135	1	156	1
Larceny From Person	12	1	143	1	155	1
Possession of Burglary Tools	2	0	65	0	67	0
Fraud	8	1	36	0	44	0
Arson	3	0	25	0	28	0
Armed Burglary	0	0	1	0	1	0
Embezzlement	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

**Property Offenses**

Crimes Against Property (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 266 offenses).

Table 15

## New Commitments: Drug Offenses by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Not a Drug Offense	704	77	12,473	82	13,177	81
Controlled Substance - Class B	84	9	940	6	1,024	6
Controlled Substance - Class A	70	8	857	6	927	6
Controlled Substance - Class D	10	1	560	4	570	4
Poss. of a Cont. Sub. In School Zone	4	0	161	1	165	1
Possession of a Syringe	22	2	131	1	153	1
Possession of a Controlled Substance	1	0	49	0	50	0
Conspiracy	1	0	38	0	39	0
Utter False Prescription	7	1	19	0	26	0
Controlled Substance - Class C	1	0	22	0	23	0
Controlled Substance - Class E	3	0	18	0	21	0
Being Present Where Narcotics are Kept	1	0	10	0	11	0
Manufacture Counterfeit Drugs	0	0	6	0	6	0
Theft of a Controlled Substance	1	0	1	0	2	0
OUI-Narcotics	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

**Drug Offenses**

Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94C Offenses.

Table 16

## New Commitments: Other Offenses by Gender

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Not an Other Offense	647	71	9,999	65	10,646	66
Motor Vehicle Offenses	65	7	1,812	12	1,877	12
Operating Under the Influence	68	7	1,347	9	1,415	9
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	39	4	391	3	430	3
Contempt of Court	10	1	371	2	381	2
Other Weapons Offenses	4	0	306	2	310	2
Violation of Court Order	4	0	272	2	276	2
Other Offenses	7	1	265	2	272	2
Nonsupport	0	0	156	1	156	1
Resisting Arrest	7	1	131	1	138	1
Trespassing	4	0	81	1	85	1
Attempts to Commit a Crime	1	0	56	0	57	0
Intimidate Witness	2	0	51	0	53	0
Prostitution	47	5	5	0	52	0
Escape	0	0	21	0	21	0
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	1	0	12	0	13	0
Obstructing Justice	2	0	2	0	4	0
Cruelty to Animals	1	0	1	0	2	0
Impersonating an Officer	0	0	2	0	2	0
Gaming	0	0	2	0	2	0
False Alarm	0	0	1	0	1	0
Violation of Labor Laws	0	0	1	0	1	0
Environmental Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

**Other Offenses**

Miscellaneous offenses that are not clearly categorized into one of the other offense categories of Person, Property, Sex or Drug.

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## Sentencing and Court Information

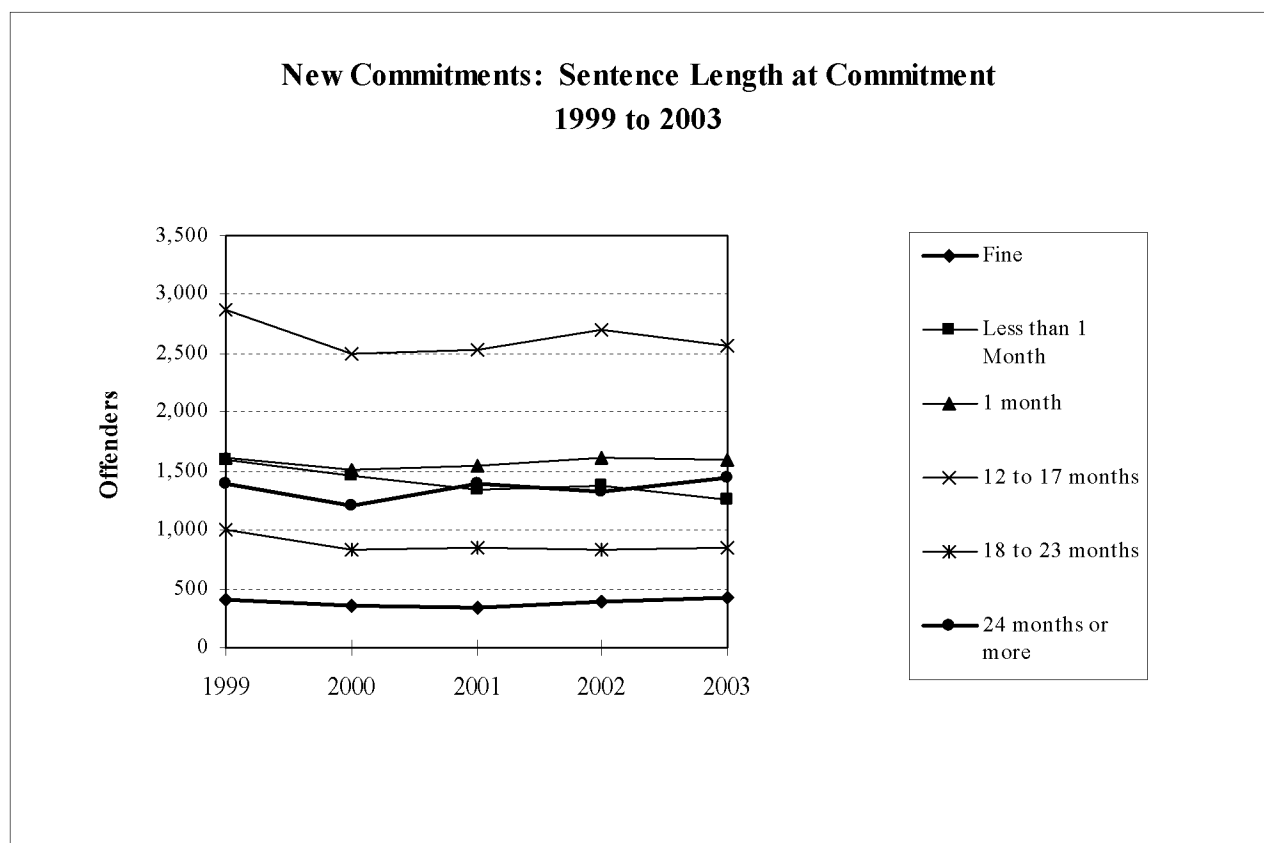
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Table 17

## New Commitments: Sentence Length at Commitment: 1999 to 2003

	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		% Chng 02 vs 03
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Fine	404	2	356	2	337	2	391	2	418	3	7
Less than 1 Month	1,591	9	1,459	10	1,349	8	1,368	8	1,256	8	-8
1 month	1,612	9	1,504	10	1,545	10	1,620	10	1,605	10	-1
2 to 5 months	3,945	23	3,519	23	3,746	23	3,710	23	3,745	23	1
6 to 11 months	4,242	25	3,959	26	4,345	27	4,344	27	4,313	26	-1
12 to 17 months	2,877	17	2,499	16	2,535	16	2,693	17	2,564	16	-5
18 to 23 months	996	6	825	5	845	5	840	5	845	5	1
24 months or more	1,401	8	1,213	8	1,387	9	1,325	8	1,448	9	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,068</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>15,334</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,291</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-1</b>

Figure 6



**Table 18****New Commitments: Sentence Length by Gender**

	<b>Female (%)</b>		<b>Male (%)</b>		<b>Total (%)</b>	
Fine	19	2	399	3	418	3
< 1 Month	70	8	1,186	8	1,256	8
1 Month	105	12	1,500	10	1,605	10
2 Months	68	7	1,166	8	1,234	8
3 Months	105	12	1,475	10	1,580	10
4 Months	86	9	588	4	674	4
5 Months	33	4	224	1	257	2
6 Months	194	21	3,018	20	3,212	20
7 Months	3	0	99	1	102	1
8 Months	8	1	110	1	118	1
9 to 11 Months	37	4	844	6	881	5
12 Months	112	12	2,223	15	2,335	14
13 to 17 Months	10	1	219	1	229	1
18 Months	17	2	721	5	738	5
19 to 23 Months	2	0	105	1	107	1
24 Months	32	4	879	6	911	6
25+ Months	8	1	529	3	537	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 19

## New Commitments: Court From Which Committed by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Barnstable D.C.	88	10	491	3	579	4
Berkshire D.C.	78	9	493	3	571	4
Bristol D.C.	190	21	1,508	10	1,698	10
Dukes D.C.	2	0	23	0	25	0
Essex D.C.	2	0	1,281	8	1,283	8
Franklin D.C.	30	3	238	2	268	2
Hampden D.C.	201	22	1,522	10	1,723	11
Hampshire D.C.	37	4	350	2	387	2
Middlesex D.C.	5	1	1,702	11	1,707	11
Nantucket D.C.	1	0	18	0	19	0
Norfolk D.C.	1	0	904	6	905	6
Plymouth D.C.	3	0	1,083	7	1,086	7
Suffolk D.C.	208	23	2,272	15	2,480	15
Worcester D.C.	11	1	2,285	15	2,296	14
Superior Courts	52	6	1,115	7	1,167	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 20

## New Commitments: Type of Sentence by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Simple	887	98	14,815	97	15,702	97
Fine	19	2	399	3	418	3
Weekend/Week Day	3	0	71	0	74	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 21

## New Commitments by Committing Institution: 1999 to 2003

	1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		% Chng 02 vs 03
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Barnstable	546	3	538	4	574	3	625	4	631	4	1
Berkshire	569	3	560	4	587	4	594	4	635	4	7
Bristol	1,988	12	2,047	13	1,905	12	1,770	11	1,787	11	1
Dukes	38	0	38	0	36	0	30	0	27	0	-10
Essex	1,536	9	1,398	9	1,274	8	1,302	8	1,320	8	1
Franklin	245	1	240	1	258	2	278	2	283	2	2
Hampden	2,111	12	1,999	13	2,341	14	2,288	14	2,089	13	-9
Hampshire	310	2	309	2	375	2	337	2	371	2	10
Middlesex	2,125	13	1,959	13	1,895	12	1,995	12	1,902	12	-5
Norfolk	1,110	7	1,057	7	935	6	960	6	953	6	-1
Plymouth	1,148	7	1,025	7	1,008	6	1,010	6	1,219	7	21
Suffolk	2,888	17	1,951	13	2,544	16	2,755	17	2,616	16	-5
Worcester	2,454	14	2,213	14	2,357	15	2,347	14	2,361	15	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,068</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,334</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,291</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-1</b>

Figure 7

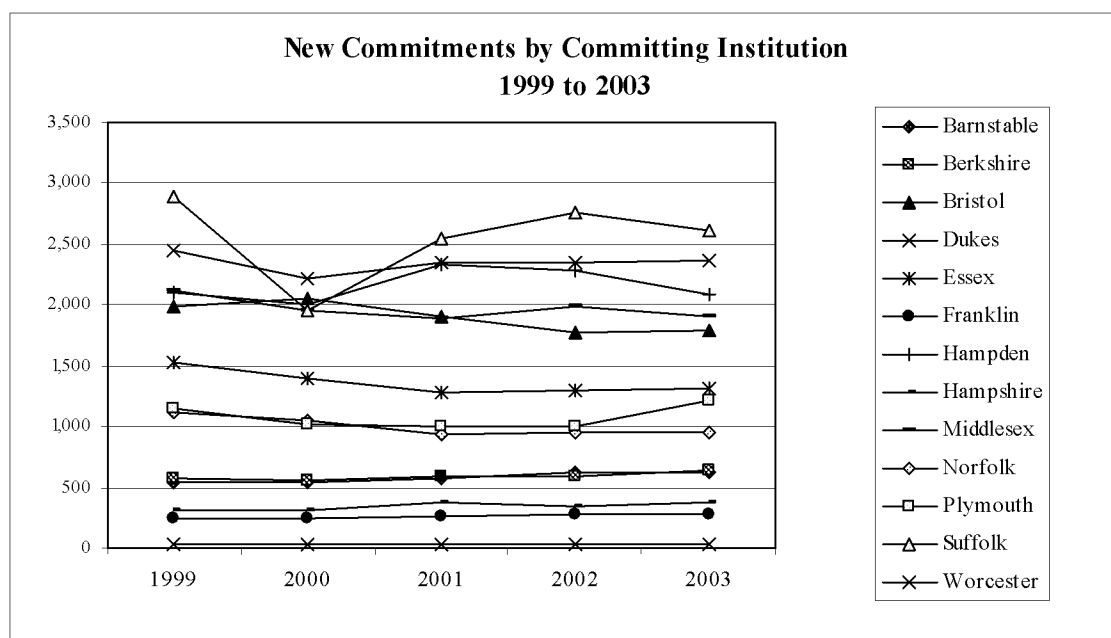


Table 22

## New Commitments: Committing Institution by Gender

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Barnstable	87	10	544	4	631	4
Berkshire	89	10	546	4	635	4
Bristol	206	23	1,581	10	1,787	11
Dukes	1	0	26	0	27	0
Essex	1	0	1,319	9	1,320	8
Franklin	18	2	265	2	283	2
Hampden	281	31	1,808	12	2,089	13
Hampshire	0	0	371	2	371	2
Middlesex	2	0	1,900	12	1,902	12
Nantucket	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk	1	0	952	6	953	6
Plymouth	0	0	1,219	8	1,219	8
Suffolk	213	23	2,403	16	2,616	16
Worcester	10	1	2,351	15	2,361	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>16,194</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 23

## County Correction Population: January 6, 2003 to December 31, 2003

	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Barnstable	291	273	306	110	265%
Berkshire	309	272	320	116	266%
Bristol	1,165	1,117	1,136	610	191%
Dukes	30	23	25	19	158%
Essex	1,412	1,320	1,341	635	222%
Franklin	178	164	181	63	283%
Hampden	1,775	1,713	1,828	1,303	136%
Hampshire	247	248	255	248	100%
Middlesex	1,124	1,095	101	1,035	109%
Norfolk	555	512	532	354	157%
Plymouth	1,593	1,500	1,601	1,140	140%
Suffolk	2,306	2,229	2,356	1,599	144%
Worcester	1,328	1,246	1,334	790	168%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,313</b>	<b>11,712</b>	<b>11,316</b>	<b>8,022</b>	<b>153%</b>

## **Glossary**

ADP	Average Daily Population
Design Capacity	Population capacity each institution was designed to hold.

## **Facilities**

BAC	Braintree Alternative Center
DRNCAC	David R. Nelson Correctional Addiction Center
LCAC	Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center
WMCAC	Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center

## **Sentence Type**

Fine	Offender was given a fine, but because he or she was unwilling or unable to pay the fine, is serving time in prison.
Simple	One sentence received for a single offense.
Weekend/Week Day	A one to two day sentence that is to be served during a weekend or during a specified day of the week.

## **Offenses**

<u>Drug Offense</u>	Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94C Offenses.
Drug Violation School/Park	Drug violation near a school or park.
Fraudulent Prescriptions	Includes uttering false prescriptions and subsequent offenses; drugs obtained by fraud.
Induce Minors in Sale and Distribution of Drugs	<b>Induce Minors in Sales and Distribution of Drugs.</b> Includes drug funds, induce minors to possess, induce minors to distribute.
Unlawful Possession of Particular Controlled Substance	<b>Unlawful Possession of Particular Controlled Substances Including Heroin and Marijuana.</b> The following are the controlled substance categories:
Class A	Heroin and morphine;
Class B	Cocaine; opium, amphetamines, barbiturates, and PCP;
Class C	Hallucinogens (LSD, hashish);
Class D	Marijuana;
Class E	Prescription drugs;
No Class Specified	Type of drug is not indicated by the sentence.
Possession of Hypodermic Syringe/Instrument	Includes possession of hypodermic needle or any instrument adapted for the administration of narcotic drugs; hypodermic violation.
<u>Other Offense</u>	Miscellaneous offenses that are not clearly categorized into one of the other offense categories of Person, Property, Sex or Drug.
Bribery/Corruption	Includes corrupt gifts/offers to influence; bribery; corrupt gifts/offers to influence acts; solicitation of gifts; corruption; financial interest of state employees; giving or receiving gifts; fiduciary; threatening economic injury.
Cruelty to Animals	Includes rabies vaccination penalty; killing or injury to domestic animals; cruelty to animals; willfully injuring police dogs or horses.

Delivering/Receiving Articles for Inmates	Includes delivering drugs to prisoners; inmates bringing drugs/weapons into facilities.
Deriving Support from Prostitution	Includes keeping and maintaining house of prostitution or house of ill fame; deriving support from a prostitute (pimping); procuring a person to practice prostitution.
Domestic Abuse Prevention	Includes orders to vacate marital home and orders of restraint; domestic abuse prevention.
Environmental Offenses	Includes discharge of pollutants into waters; illegal dumping; illegal taking of shellfish; violation of wetlands protection act.
Escape	Includes attempts, aiding an escape, accessory to escape. Escapes from work, education, program release activity, prison camp, jail.
False Alarm of Fire/Removal of Fire Devices	<b>False Alarm of Fire/Removal of Fire Protective Devices.</b> Includes tampering with fire protection device; false alarm of fire.
Gaming	Includes organizing gambling syndicates; place for registering bets.
Habitual Criminal	Sentence if no punishment is provided by statute; punishment of habitual criminal.
Leave the Scene of Vehicular Accident	Motor vehicle accident, personal injury, damage.
Miscellaneous Other Offense	Includes violation of a civil ordinance, inhaling toxic vapors; tax evasion, threatening tax collector, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, home improvement contractor violation/unlicensed; procuring miscarriage, dies in consequence of miscarriage; disinterring bodies.
Non-Support or Abandonment of Child	Infant abandonment and death from abandonment; abandonment and non-support; the illegal refusal to support a child.
Obstruction of Justice	Includes obstruction of justice; compounding or concealing felonies; false report of crime to police officer.
Other Decency/Public Peace Crimes	Includes promoting of anarchy, inciting a riot; common night walker, brawlers, disorderly acts, indecent exposure, lewd, wanton and lascivious behavior, idle and disorderly; threat to commit a crime; recognizance to keep the peace; affray, threats, disturbing of peace in presence of justice.
Other Motor Vehicle Offenses	Does not include vehicular homicide, OUI, OUI with injury, or leaving the scene. Includes violation of Automobile Law, violation of Motor Vehicle Law; failure to yield right away to emergency vehicles; operating unregistered; operating after suspension; operating motor vehicle after suspension or revocation of license (this includes operating after revocation, habitual offender, illegally attaching plates, operating after suspension); using motor vehicle without authority, leaving scene after motor vehicle homicide; refusal to submit to police officer; leasing motor vehicle on mileage basis fraud violation; operating motor vehicle without liability policy, bond.
Other Weapons Offense	Includes shooting across highway near dwelling; firearm license violation - purchase for use of another; throwing or shooting of missiles; use of a firearm during commission of a felony; possession of infernal machine; carrying dangerous weapon first or subsequent; sale of silencers for firearms, knife, dagger, etc. with prior felony; tear gas use in commission of crime; possession of machine or shot guns; use of body armor in commission of crime; quantity of firearms; firearms sales, distribution or transfer; selling firearm without registering of serial number; possess firearm without ID; possession of firearm on school grounds; possession of large capacity weapon without firearm

	identification; possession of defaced firearm in a felony; defacing a firearm, discharge of firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling; possession of explosives or other dangerous substances; weapons violation with prior.
OUI, Alcohol or Drugs, With or Without Injury	<b>Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs With or Without Injury.</b> Includes operating under the influence; operating under the influence with injury resulting.
Perjury/Contempt of Court	Includes contempt; perjury; attempt to procure another to commit perjury; disruption of court proceedings; perjury, statements alleging motor vehicle thefts; penalties for violation of confidentiality and for perjury; failure to appear.
Prostitution	Includes soliciting for prostitute; prostitution; engaging in sex for a fee.
Sale/Possession of Alcohol to Minor < 21	<b>Sale or Possession of Alcohol to Minor Under 21.</b> Includes sale, delivery or furnishing alcoholic beverages to persons under 21, employment of persons under 18; persons under 21 purchase or attempt to purchase; open container.
Violation of Labor Laws	Includes illegal payment of wages; frivolous proceedings, costs; failure to provide payment/compensation.
Weapons Violation, Bartley-Fox Gun Law	Carrying a firearm without a license (mandatory 1 year sentence).
<u>Person Offense</u>	Crimes Against the Person (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 offenses).
Accessory Before the Fact	Includes aiders, accessory before the fact; prosecution as accessory before the fact.
Armed Assault in Dwelling Houses	Includes armed assault in dwelling houses. The act may be an actual assault or an attempt.
Assault to Rob not Being Armed	Includes assault to rob not being armed, assault to rob, assault with intent to rob, assault with intent to rob by force and violence.
Assault with Intent to Commit Felony	Includes assault with intent to commit felony, injury to firefighter, assault with intent to intimidate, assault and battery for intimidation with bodily injury, causing injury during physical training.
Assault with Intent to Commit Murder	Includes assault with intent to murder, maim, etc.; assault to commit murder; assault with intent to kill.
Assault with Intent to Rob or Murder, Being Armed	Includes assault with intent to rob or murder being armed; assault with a deadly weapon with intent to rob.
Assault/Assault and Battery	Includes assault, assault and battery, assault and battery on an officer, E.M.T. or a public servant, assault and battery to collect loan.
Assault/A&B with a Dangerous Weapon	<b>Assault/assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.</b> Includes assault and battery with a dangerous weapon; assault with a dangerous weapon.
Attempted Murder	Includes all attempts to commit murder, other than assaults: attempted murder, attempts to commit murder by poisoning, drowning, or strangling, poisoning with intent to kill/injure.
A&B Upon an Elderly or Disabled Person	<b>Assault and Battery on an Elderly or Disabled Person.</b> Includes assault and Battery upon elderly or disabled causing injury, serious injury, permanent bodily injury.
A&B with a Dangerous Weapon,	<b>Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon, Victim 60 and Over.</b>

Victim 60+	Includes assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, victim 60 or older.
Conspiracy	If crime is specified, (i.e., conspiracy to commit larceny), the offense is listed under the specified crime. If crime is not specified, the offense is listed under this category.
Extortion	Includes attempts to extort money, threats, threat to commit crime.
Kidnapping	Includes abduction, holding a correction officer hostage, kidnapping with intent to extort, kidnapping of minor by relative.
Manslaughter	Includes negligent homicide, voluntary or involuntary manslaughter.
Stalking	Includes stalking in violation of a restraining order (1st offense), stalking as a subsequent offense, harassing or making threats.
Stealing by Confining or Putting in Fear	<b>Confining or Putting in Fear a Person for the Purpose of Stealing.</b> Includes breaking, burning or blowing up a safe; intimidate to steal from a depository.
Unarmed Robbery	Includes robbery, robbery not being armed, robbery by force and violence.
Violation of Civil Rights	Includes civil rights violation, civil rights violation with bodily injury, violation of civil rights with injury.
<u>Property Offense</u>	Crimes Against Property (primarily Massachusetts General Law Chapter 266 offenses).
Arson and Attempted Arson	Includes burning or aiding to burn a dwelling, other buildings, personal property; attempting to burn building; injury or destruction of woods by fire; injury due to negligent use of fire; negligent use of fire in towns; burning insured property with intent to defraud; injury to fire engines; destruction or injury by explosives; throwing explosives at property or persons; use or possession of flammable liquid in breakable container.
Burglary, Armed or an Assault	Includes armed burglary, breaking and entering with intent to assault with or without dangerous weapon.
Destruction of Property	Includes injury or destruction of electrical utility property, boundary markings, historical monuments, schoolhouse or church, building, personal property; defacement or injury of county building; throwing oil of vitriol; destroying timber; breaking glass or injury to fences; defacement of property with paint; injury to religious, educational, etc., institutions; destruction of property by inmate at correctional institution; destruction of property by prisoners; damaging irrigation machinery; destruction or alteration of motor vehicle identification numbers; alteration of identifying numbers.
Embezzlement	Includes bank officers, fraud or embezzlement; embezzlement by brokers/agents; fiduciaries fraud; defraud company's assets.
Forgery and Uttering	Includes forgery or alteration of lottery tickets; stealing, forging or falsifying; making false certificate of title, learning permits, licenses, registration or inspection stickers; obtaining signature under false pretenses; unlawful use of credit cards; publishing code of non-existing credit cards; false/forged records, certificates, returns; railroad tickets, passes or badges, injures, defrauds, falsely makes, alters, forges or counterfeits; uttering false records; possession of 10 or more counterfeit bills; uttering false instrument; possession of false/forged counterfeit bills, tools/materials to make counterfeit notes.
Fraud	Includes false representation; securities violations; provider making false representations; fraud of telecommunication service; fraudulent use of

	telecommunication; obtaining goods by fraud; stock, fraudulent issue or transfer; corporation, books false entries with intent to defraud; presentation of Fraud false claims; obtaining goods under false pretenses; false invoice of cargo, intent to defraud insurer; insurance policy, penalty/fraud claims; interception of wire and oral communications.
Larceny From Elder or Disabled Person	Includes larceny from person 65 or older; larceny from person 60 or older, or disabled.
Larceny/Stealing	Includes stealing in building, vessel or railroad car, stealing in a truck, tractor/semi-trailer or freight container; larceny - general provision and penalties; larceny by check; unlawful taking of money by transporter; larceny of bicycle; concealing leased or rented property.
Receiving Stolen Goods	Includes receiving and buying stolen goods; common receiver of stolen goods (habitual).
Shoplifting	Includes shoplifting as a third offense.
Theft of Motor Vehicle or Non-Motor Vehicle	Removal of motor vehicle with intent to defraud insurer; theft of motor vehicle or trailer; concealment of motor vehicle or trailer thief; unlawful taking or use of transportation media.
Unarmed Burglary/Breaking and Entering	Includes unarmed breaking and entering in night time; breaking and entering a building, vessel or vehicle in night time with intent to commit a misdemeanor or felony, entering by daytime or breaking and entering by night time a building, vehicle or vessel with intent to commit a felony; entering dwelling in night time or breaking and entering in a building, vehicle or vessel in daytime with intent to commit a felony; breaking and entering or entering railroad car with intent to commit a felony; breaking and entering trucks, tractors or trailers.
<u>Sex Offense</u>	Sex Offenses Against the Person. Consist of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 265 (Crimes Against the Person) and Chapter 272 offenses (Crimes Against Chastity, Morality, Decency and Good Order).
Assault With Intent to Commit Rape	Includes attempts to rape.
Assault with Intent to Rape, Child < 16	<b>Assault with Intent to Commit Rape, Child Under 16 Years.</b>
Crimes Against Nature	The abominable and detestable crime against nature, either with mankind or beast.
Indecent Asslt & Battery on Child Under 14	<b>Indecent Assault and Battery on Child Under 14.</b> Includes indecent assault and battery on a minor.
Indecent A&B on Mentally Retarded Victim	<b>Indecent Assault and Battery on Mentally Retarded Victim.</b>
Indecent Asslt & Battery on Victim Victim 14 or Older	<b>Indecent Assault and Battery on Victim 14 or Older.</b>
Other Sex Offenses	Includes adultery, fornication, open and gross lewdness and lascivious behavior, drugging persons for unlawful intercourse, dissemination of obscene matter.
Rape	Age of victim not specified, or does not fall under a rape of child category.
Rape and Abuse of a Child	Statutory rape, victim under 16 years old.
Rape of a Child with Force	Age of victim under 16 years old.
Sex Offenses Involving a Minor	Includes enticing person under 16 away for marriage, inducing person under 18 to have sexual intercourse, inducing a minor into prostitution, prostitutes deriving support from a child, distribution of obscene articles to minors,

	child pornography, dissemination of materials of child in state of nudity, dissemination of visual materials of child engaged in sexual conduct,
Sex Offenses Involving a Minor (continued)	knowingly purchasing or possession of visual material of child depicted in sexual conduct.
Sexual Assault - Out of State/Federal Inmates	Used for sexual assault cases for out-of-state or federally sentenced inmates whose offense does not fit in another sex offense category.
Unnatural Acts	Includes unnatural acts, lascivious acts, assault to commit unnatural sex acts.